GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Industries and Commerce Department - Formation of a 100% State owned company named as **"**Andhra Pradesh Mineral Exploration Research and Innovation Corporation Limited" (AP-MERIC Ltd.) to incorporate under the companies Act as an independent corporation under the Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh – Orders – Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.57 Dated:08.03.2019

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.18, Ind. & Com. (M.II) Dept., Dt.13.01.2016.
2. Minutes of the 1st Governing Body Meeting of MERIT held on 20.08.2018.
3. Government Memo No.MG0DMGE/124/2018, Dt.24.12.2018 & 05.02.2019, addressed to the DMG and to the CEO MERIT.
4. From CEO, MERIT file bearing No. 159/MERIT-Annual Meeting/2017 received vide e-file bearing No. INC04-16021(35)/12/2019-CEO-(MERIT) – DMG, received on 02.03.2019 through e-office.

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ORDER:

Government have issued orders in G.O. first read above, rechristened the Development of Mineral Resources and Technology Up-gradation Fund (DMRTUF) Trust as Mineral Exploration Resource and Innovation Trust (MERIT) in order to provide thrust in exploration, research and innovation activities in mining sector with the certain objectives.

2. The Governing body meeting of MERIT was held on 20-08-2018 and reviewed the administrative setup of MERIT as well as progress of exploration works presented by Chief Executive Officer, MERIT. In the said meeting the following resolutions were passed:

(a) It was considered that corporation for Mineral Exploration with legal entity to be established under the companies Act as a model institution across all the states in identifying potential mineral blocks to create huge mineral ASSETS in Andhra Pradesh through state of art technologies in exploration to be the best of its kind in India through recruiting required strength of skilled technical and administrative staff.

(b) The staff recruitment on immediate basis for running the current exploration projects can be taken up on urgency of work and requested the Government to take necessary action.

3. Government directed to form an independent exploration corporation in the name of "Andhra Pradesh Mineral Exploration Research and Innovation Corporation Limited" in the place of Mineral Exploration Resource and Innovation Trust (MERIT) as decided in the governing body meeting held on 20.08.2018. Accordingly, the Director of Mines & Geology and Chief Executive Officer, Mineral Exploration Resource and Innovation Trust was requested to furnish the detailed report to the Government, vide reference third read above.

4. The Chief Executive Officer, MERIT in the reference fourth read above, has furnished proposals in detail for formation of Andhra Pradesh Mineral Exploration Research and Innovation Corporation Ltd., (APMERICL), with the following:

- Acts as a nodal agency in geology, exploration and mining to take up regional and detailed exploration, giving priority to higher value mineral resources in State.
- To facilitate the process in development of mineral prospecting, exploration and assessment of mineral reserves through state of art techniques of Remote sensing, Air borne and Ground Geophysics, Geochemistry, Geotechnical, Ground Geological surveys, Drilling and Software based 3D ore body modelling techniques;
- To undertake activities for mineral development, sustainable mining adoption of advanced scientific and technological practices in ore beneficiation and mineral extraction technology.
- To facilitate geological mapping, geo-physical - ground and aerial survey and geochemical survey of obvious geological potential areas and develop Mineral Atlas for the entire State of Andhra Pradesh.
- To organize capacity building programes to raise technical capability of personnel engaged in or to be engaged in prospecting & exploration.
- Extending Technical and Consultancy Services to the mineral and mining industry in the interest of conservation, development and exploitation of mineral resources in Andhra Pradesh.
- Research studies on mineral discovery and innovation techniques in mineral beneficiation and winning of metals /mineral matter from ores and mine planning. etc.
- Creation of strong technical skilled manpower in the field of geology, exploration and mining through collaboration with

National and International Mining, Geological & Metallurgical institutes, conclaves, conferences, workshops etc.

5. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby decided for formation of a 100% state owned company named as **"**Andhra Pradesh Mineral Exploration Research and Innovation Corporation Limited" (AP-MERICL) to incorporate under the companies Act 2013 as an independent corporation under the Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

6. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada and the CEO, MERIT, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action accordingly.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.FIN01-FMUOASD(IC)/21/2019-FMU-IC, Dt.07.03.2019.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

I. SRINIVAS SRINARESH
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Mines & Geology, AP, Vijayawada.
The CEO, MERIT, Vijayawada.
The VC & MD, APMDC Ltd.
Copy to
The General Administration (Cabinet) Department.
The PS to Secy. (Mines)/PS to Minister (M&G)/
PS to M (Fin.)/PS to Prl.Secy. to CM.

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